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Claims 1-9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (new) A system comprising:

a video signal processor for producing an output signal suitable for coupling to a display device to produce a plurality of images for display to at least one viewer;

a supervisor control system operable by a supervisor to create at least one viewer profile identifying images to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer;

said supervisor control system operable by said supervisor to create at least one override list applicable to said viewer profile such that at least one image to be blocked is unblocked.

B1 Claim 11. (new) The system according to claim 10 wherein said images correspond to programs and said viewer profile identifies programs to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

Claim 12. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said images correspond to channels and wherein said viewer profile identifies channels to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

Claim 13. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said viewer profile identifies at least one time period during which all images are to be blocked from display to said viewer.

Claim 14. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said override list is applicable to at least one corresponding viewer profile such that at least one image to be blocked according to said viewer profile is unblocked and at least one other image not blocked according to said viewer profile is blocked.

Claim 15. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said override list is temporarily applied to at least one viewer profile.

Claim 16. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said override list is applied for a period of time specified by said supervisor.

Claim 17. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said override list includes at least one override selected from the group comprising: a) at least one channel blocking override, b) at least one time period blocking override, c) at least one rating blocking override, d) at least one program blocking override, e) at least one spending limit override, f) at least one image content blocking override, g) at least one total view time limit override.

Claim 18. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said at least one override list is applicable to a plurality of viewer profiles.

Claim 19. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said control system is operable by said supervisor to create a plurality of override lists applicable to said at least one viewer profile.

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Claim 20. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said control system is operable by said supervisor to create a plurality of override lists applicable to a plurality of viewer profiles.

Claim 21. (new) The system of claim 10 wherein said supervisor control system for producing an output signal includes at least one item selected from the group comprising: television receiver, set top box, video cassette recorder tuner.

Claim 22. (new) The system of claim 10 further including means to display to a viewer a blocking status based upon said override list.

Claim 23. (new) In a video signal processing system for producing an output signal suitable for coupling to a display device to produce images to be displayed to at least one viewer, a method for blocking viewing by at least one viewer comprising the steps of;  
creating a viewer profile identifying images to be blocked for a corresponding viewer;  
and,  
creating an override list to be applied to said viewer profile so as to allow said corresponding viewer to view at least a portion of said blocked images.

Claim 24. (new) The method of claim 23 including a step of storing said override list in a memory of said system.

Claim 25. (new) The method of claim 23 including a step of specifying a time period for application of said override list to said viewer profile.

Claim 26. (new) The method of claim 23 including a step of applying said override list to said viewer profile at the start of said specified time period and stopping application of said override list to said viewer profile after expiration of said specified time period.

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Claim 27. (new) The method according to claim 23 wherein said images comprise programs and said viewer profile identifies programs to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

Claim 28. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein said images comprise channels and wherein said viewer profile identifies channels to be blocked from display to said at least one viewer.

Claim 29. (new) The method of claim 23 wherein said viewer profile identifies at least one time period during which all images are to be blocked from display to said viewer.

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